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SATURDAY OCTOBER 27 1906 SALT LAKE CITY UTAH

WILL BESMIRCH HONORED NAMES

Stolen Letters, Alleged to be Forged, Which Involve Men Long Since Dead.

SENT HERE FOR BLACKMAIL.

Came Here From California From Young Man Named Sears Who Wanted Cash for Them.

Also Sends Missing Records Which Arrived Tuesday and Were Turned Over to the Tribune.

Look out for boomerangs. They are about to be sprung in numbers. realy the plans have been laid. They ere hatched in the Tribune office and there is where the whole ugly brood of ducklings will come forth. They have sere eyes and large quacks and will be sent up and down the land spreading disease and making a din for the "American" party as per the order and desire of one late, lamented Thomas

From now on until election day it is the intention, in the vernacular of an old adage, "Te make Rome howl." Some surprising things are to be done. There is to be no stopping at anything. Even the names of men whose reputations always stood for veracity itself are to be trailed in the dust, notwithstanding some of them have been dead for years. But what of that? The calamity crowd ant to carry the county. So badly do by want to carry it that the beerching of the names of Geo. Q. Canun, the honored father of the Tribune ger, Abraham H. Cannon, his brothg, both deceased, are to be dragged in. her are in letters in possession of the me. These letters are declared some to be forgeries. The "News" as not seen them. But it KNOWS on many there are, HOW the Tribune got them and from WHOM.

FIFTY-FIVE LETTERS.

To be plain there are 55 letters. They came to Salt Lake from Califorthe same months ago. A young man med sears, once a resident of this by them. He sent them to a med here. It is stated that they one with the information that the stitutions by which they were purported to be writen would probably my well to get them into their possion. The young man who was m the go-between act, for reason failed to present them to various institutions. It is declar. that he probably lacked the nerve, ging it was a dangerous underking, and that he would be, in all bubility, denounced as a black-

AN IMPROBABLE TALE.

The letters purport to deal with an ort on the part of certain instituions in this city to secure reductions their taxes in the nineties, when the Tribune charges that prominent ens conspired with trusted public ervants to have their valuations rewed. It is stated with emphasis that eding citizens, Mormon and Genlie, did this, and that they did so in the stolen letters, a tale that the public will be slow to believe. A part the Tribune's program will be to Walsh fac similes of these letters apport of the charges they make. I will be remembered that these ate have already been denounced b brgeries. A further attempt til be made to show that a certain man got 50 cents on the dollar raltering assessment amounts on the senty records, and that the sum total ted ran far into the thousands of

ARRIVED HERE TUESDAY.

The books containing this alleged of arrived here last Tuesday from mia and were turned over to the the and are now in a vault in the It will perhaps astound the Tribeyond measure to know that the " is in possession of these facts, bi to tell it and the public that this Mer is fully aware of the details of transaction as to how and why these ads were brought here. The fact that they are not turned over to the Maty authorities to whom they propely belonged will also furnish food for

WHO STOLE THE RECORDS. Will the Tribune kindly tell when e records were stolen, by whom and My they were taken from the state and sent back to the Tribune, instead to the office to which they belong. It

man Sears and his friend who failed to act, are ready for an official overhaul-

WHAT LYNCH SAYS.

Mr. William J. Lynch, former county assessor and former chief of police, was interviewed today by the Deseret News with reference to the allegd forgeries and changes in the assessment rolls and the memoranda books, and also with reference to letters alleged to have been received here and now in possession of the Tribune, said letters purporting to have passed between members of the firms alleged to have been involved and some one connected with the assessor's office. the assessor's office.

to repeat my statement as given to the Tribune of Wednesday morning, as fol-

lows:

'I took the old blotters to my home, tied them in a bundle, and put them in a closet. They remained there all the time until some question came up in Mr. Quinn's office and the county court asked me to call on them. I did so and they asked me if I knew where these old memoranda were. I told them I did. That they were at my residence. these old memoranda were. I tout them I did. That they were at my residence. They asked me if I thought the books belonged to me, and I said, technically no, but morally speaking. I thought the information ought to remain in my keeping, inasmuch as it was the only protection I had against any unprincipled persons who might turner with cipled person who might tamper with or change the assessment rolls in any manner. I was under \$200,000 bond and I felt that I should furnish my bonds-men protection as well as myself. I was induced to take charge of these memoranda in this manner because in 1891, the first year I was assessor, the city assessor and collector at that time was charged with falsifying the city tax rolls, and on the rolls being carefully audited by Mr. Hiller, now deceased, he discovered discrepancies and ceased, he discovered discrepancies and shortages amounting to something over \$20,000. Mr. Hiller explained to me at that time that the changes were made on the tax roll after the roll had been filed with the city council, by reducing the value of property, sending the tax-payer notice of the original valuation, with amount of taxes computed on that amount, and would credit the city with the amount of tax computed on the decreased valuation.

creased valuation.
"They told me they thought the mem-"They told me they thought the memoranda books should remain in the assessor's office, and would like to have me return them, which I did that day, and they were checked into the assessor's office by County Assessor Quinn's deputies and were intact, exactly as they were used for assessment that year."

RETURNED THE BOOKS.

Mr. Lynch declared emphatically that the memoranda books were turned over to the County court and that his brother James E. Lynch, Angus M. Cannon, Jr., and Walter Jennings were present when the books were delivered, and they would make affidavits to the same,

Continuing, Mr. Lynch said:
"The memoranda books contained exactly the same figures as those on the actly the same figures as those on the official records at the time I turned the books over to the commissioners. The board of equalization made changes, that is, reductions, which were not on the blotters, but when the blotters were surrendered by me they contained the same figures as were on the records.

"I want to state emphatically that, if any changes were made on the records and on the memoranda books, they were made without my knowledge and after my term as assessor had expired."

"At the time you were assessor, did

you have in your employ, or connected with your office in any way, a young man named Sears?" Mr. Lynch replied emphatically.

"No." Referring again to the memoranda books, Mr. Lynch said;
"I returned them as already stated.
If they were taken away after that,

that is no fault of mine. As to any alleged letters dealing with forgeries, passing between the firms mentioned and the assessor's office, I know absolutely nothing, and this is the first time I have heard of any."

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Many Friends of Bishop Thorne Gathered to do Him Honor.

The ninety-first birthday of former Bishop Thorne of the Seventh ward was celebrated last evening, at his home on Sixth South street. There were on Sixth south street. There were about 75 persons present, including children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, with other warm friends and admirers of the nonogenarian, and the bishop said, as he looked over the array present, "I am proud os my family."

Bishop Thorne is in good health and

feels in active life yet, notwithstanding his advanced years, and does not see why he should not live to reach the century mark. He received his family and friends with a warm handshak-ing, and thoroughly enjoyed the occa-In conversation, the bishop remarked remembering having seen Queen Victoria riding through Piccadilly en route to Westminster Abbey to be crowned, and also saw her on the way back from the cermony. He does not think there are many other persons in Utah who saw the queen on that occasion. Bishop Thorne left London Jan. 6, 1851, and reached Salt Lake in October following, coming via New Orleans and the Mississippi and Missouri rivers. His party started from Council Bluffs with ox teams July 1. The bishop is a native of Oxford, Eng., and joined the Latter-day Saints while a young man. For 35 years he presided as bishop of the Seventh ward, but owing to advancing years resigned in July, 1904. The old gentleman has hosts of friends both in this city and elsewhere in the state.

AT THE Y. M. C. A.

Senator Sutherland Will Speak to Men Tomorrow Afternoon.

Tomorrow at 5 o'clock occurs the third of a series of civic addresses at the Y. M. C. A. Special interest is attached to this address as it is to be given by United States Senator George Sutherland. Last Sunday Rev. Elmer I. Goshen spoke on the topic "The Measure of a Public Officer," and to-morrow Mr. Sutherland will speak in

Some Interesting Tax Figures.

In response to several requests, the ret News prints below the figures flowing the amount of taxes paid by rading business institutions of the y, Mormon, Jew and Gentile, during Jears 1894-1895, and 1896. Figures an't lie, though liars can figure, and figures named below ought to disone of the reckless charge that Morinstitutions do not stand their fair e of the public taxes;

4X-Insert table C. M. I. 1894 1896 1896 114,723,06 111,791,77 114,679,45 Trust Co. 4,797,24 6,065,43 6,721,94 830.33 945.76 1,052.67

Cohn Bros. ... 430.00 414.00 460.80 Salt Lake Hard-ware Co. ... 215.00 230.60 307.30 Wells-Fargo & Wells-Fargo & 2,811.52 4.077 44 4.638.37 McCornick & Co. 3,225.00 3.067 05 3,440.00 Walker Bros. Bk 3,225.00 3,057.05 3,413.95 National Bank 7,473.94 7,935.00 4,776.95 Commercial National Bank 6,679.38 4.761.00 5.668.80

Coming down to the present year, 1906, the county records show that Z. C. M. I, will pay in taxes, \$22,336.39. Zion's Savings Bank & Trust company will pay \$7,668.25.

The Home Fire Ins. Co. will pay \$1,530.88.

The Deseret News will pay \$9,234.81. The Sait Lake Tribune will pay

Change of Ownership Comes on Monday Next.

Harriman Syndicate Will Take Possession of the Utah Light and Railway Company Interests on That Date-Will Elect New President-Board of Directors, Nine in Number, All Local Business Men.

& Railway interests to the Harriman syndicate, will occur on Monday morning at 10 o'clock at which time the new board of directors, nine in number, all business men, will elect a president and proceed to a reorganization of the com-

It will be most gratifying news to the Salt Lake public to learn that the new board of directors are all well and favorably known in this city where they have wide and heavy interests, and where they reside. Mr. Bancroft, vice president and general manager of the Oregon Short Line, and personal representative of Mr. Harriman, said this morning that it was about time to set at rest certin rumors regarding the transfer of the property, and therefore made the following statement it the Deseret News:

"It is a fact that E. H. Harriman, of New York, has purchased more than three-fifths of the stock of the Utah Light & Railway company, and the same has been transferred. It is the intention now to reorganize the board of directors on Monday next, October 29. "All directors, the president and vice

presidents, as they now exist will retire, with the exception of Directors W. S. McCornick, L. S. Hills and T. G. Webber, who represent on the board the English stock held, which has not been

"The new directors are local men, en- | pany, a subsidiary corporation of the

upon "The Measure of the Pri-Citizen."

Although taking no part whatever in partisian politics the Young Men's Christian association is waging a spec-

christian association is waging a special campaign along the lines of civic awakening with the specific purpose in mind of getting the young men of the community to look at the political problems, which are presented, from the standpoint of personal responsibility

The final of the series of addresser

which comes one week from tomor-row will be devoted to the climax of

row will be devoted to the climax of the series in an address given by Hon. William H. King, using as his sub-ject, "Conscience in Politics."
At the meeting tomorrow a quar-tet from the association glee club will sing, and as usual, the string quartet will give a concert in the loby from 4:30 to 5 o'clock. All men whether local or strangers are most cordially

local or strangers are most cordially invited to use the association build-ing every Sunday afternoon and to at-tend the address.

EMMETT FOR COUNCIL.

Will Probably be Chosen to Succeed

Robert B. Paine.

(Special to the "News.")

removed by Judge Howell.

John Melveuine, a well known resident of Ogden, died this morning of general decility, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Emma Potter, 663 Twen-

ty-seventh street. He was 85 years of age, and had been a resident of Ogden for 33 years. For some time he carried a paper hanging and paint business,

on and prior to coming to America from his birthplace in Europe, was a sailor. The funeral services will be held Sun-

day at 3 p. m. from the Fifth ward meetinghouse. John Sill, aged 90 years, died Thurs-

day morning at Warren, Weber county, of general debility. He is survived by a

of general debility. He is survived by a wife and eight children, and was a de-voted adherent to the doctrines of the Latter-day Saints. The funeral serv-ices will be held Sunday at noon from

HONORS EVEN.

Twenty-eight Births and 28 Deaths

Last Week in City.

The weekly report of the city board

of health for the week ending Oct. 27

shows that 28 births were reported;

17 males and 11 females; 28 deaths oc-

curred, 15 males and 13 females, and

6 bodies were shipped here for burial.

There were reported 20 cases of con-tagious and infectious diseases; 1 case

of scarlet fever, 6 cases of diphtheria, 8 cases of typhoid fever, 2 cases of pneumonia, and 2 cases of chicken pox One case of smallpox, 4 of scarlet fever and 5 cases of diphtheria remain

the Kaysville meetinghouse.

THE NEW DIRECTORS.

The new directors of the company will be Heber M. Wells, W. W. Riter, W. H. Bancroft, P. L. Williams, D. E. Burley and E. Buckingham, who will represent the Harriman interests, and Messrs, W. S. McCornick, L. S. Hills and T. G. Webber, who will ? be the personal representatives of the English interests.

gaged in business here, and associated with the Oregon Short Line Railroad company. They are: Heber M. Wells, W. W. Riter, W. H. Bancroft, P. L.

Incidental to the above important announcement it may be further authoritatively stated that it is the intention to at once commence extensive improvements-improvements that will make of the Utah Light and Railway service one of the best in the country. The program as outlined involves the expenditure of \$2,500,000. This work will be carried on with all vigor from outset to finish, just as rapidly as labor and material can be secured.

The directors of the Utah Power com-

WITHOUT A MAYOR

R. W. Barns Deserts the Town

After Writing Notes to Fa-

ther and Wife.

MONEY AFFAIRS ARE STRAIGHT

It is Thought Gossip About His Family

Affairs Caused Him to Go Away

While Despondent.

(Special to the "News.")

Kaysville, Oct. 27 .- The people of this

now supposed to have left the state.

Financial troubles are not supposed to

be at the bottom of his leaving as he

took extra precautions to protect all of

his creditors and an Inspection of his

books shows that funds in his keeping

are intact. Remorse over gossip in

which a woman is involved, and the

fear of scandal are supposed to have

preyed on his mind till he decided to go away. He left a note to his wife

indicating that this was the cause, and

there has been some gossip about his

relations with a Mrs. Evans, who left

Kaysville on Oct. 10. Mr. Barnes was

guardian of her children, appointed by

her divorced husband, but his closest

friends assert that there was no other

than a purely business relationship be-

TOOK LITTLE MONEY.

It is not thought that Mr. Barnes took much money with him. He used all that came to him in recent months

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CHRISTMAS NEWS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1906.

UTAH AND HER NEIGHBORS: Their Growth and Development During 1906, and Their Prospects for 1907.

The theme of the issue will be

tween them.

That Mayor Barnes intended to make

KAYSVILLE LEFT

Utah Light & Railway company, met this morning and tendered their resignations. The new board of directors was then elected, which was comprised solely of Oregon Short Line officials. The new board is as follows:

Parley L. Williams, president; D. E. Burley, vice pres dent, and F. H. Knickerbocker, secretary and treasurer. These with E. Buckingham and W. H. Ears croft, comprise the board of directors. The board met, organized, qualified, filed the oath of office and bonds and

adjourned until Monday at 9 a. m. Mr. Williams is chief counsel for the Oregon Short Line; Mr. Burley, the general passenger agent; Mr. Knickerbocker, confidential clerk for Vice President Bancroft of the Oregon Short Line while Mr. Buckingham is the general superintendent of the big Harriman

Williams, D. E. Burley, E. Bucking-The Utah Power company has been kept intact throughout all the vicissitudes of the original street railway company in Salt Lake. It was the original power proposition of the system and was organized in Frank Armstrong's day. When the street railroad company and the Rapid Transit were consolidated the Utah Power company was brought in as a distinct corporation. With the further changes in 1904 the same conditions prevailed, and with the transfer of properties and changez scheduled at Monday's meeting the old company will still be a separate organ-

> ssip that has gone around about him he has simply gone away without defi-nite plans. His friends confidently hope to hear from him within a few days, and that he will return again to take up his business positions.

was going away permanently came to his family in notes addessed to his fath-er and to his wife, in which he hinted of a possible scandal which he could not bear to face, with its continual gossip.

In business affairs Mr. Barnes was very active. He was elected mayor of Kaysville last November and has filled the position with honor. He was cashier of the Barnes Banking company and treasurer of the B. B. Mercantile company.

In fraternal affairs he also was active, organizing the Abe Lincoln camp of the Woodmen of the World, of which he has been clerk for several years. Examinations of the books of all these concerns fails to show any financial irreg-ularity. He owns stock in the Barnes Banking company, the Kaysville Canning company, the Oldenbury Horse company, and the B. B. Mercantile company, and the Kaysville hotel, which will be used to meet his obligations, should he fall to return. APPOINTS ADMINISTRATOR.

of the city council, to be held Monday evening, Henry Emmett will probably be chosen by appointment, as successor to Robert B. Paine, who was yesterday removed by Judge Power and bugger to Coden. In a lettter to his father he instructed

day, accepting the resignation and apwas seen on the streets of Ogden, and pointing Assi. Cashier Jos. R. Gailey had a ticket in his possession. He is to act in his place until the regular appointment is made. Investigation of his business affairs leaves the conclusion that no one will suffer the loss of a dolhis departure permanent is shown by lar because of his departure. He even a number of pheliminary preparations. left without collecting salary due him from the bank, and paid a number of small bills owed by his family

SENT WIFE ON VISIT. So that his wife would not be made aware of his departure he arranged a

wife by Andrew Stewart. There were two children and when Mr. Evans went away he had Mr. Barnes, in whom he had the greatest confidence, appointed guardian of the children, with the duty guardian of the children, with the duty of paying them a monthly allowance of \$35 for their support. Afterwards there was talk of a reconciliation between Mr. and Mrs. Evans, and Mrs. Evans moved to the Kaysville hotel, she having lived in Salt Lake in the meantime, after her husband's depart-

THE OTHER WOMAN

from his regular business sources, in meeting obligations. He has outstanding notes up to a few thousand dol-lars, but has left ample resources to meet them. Mayor Barnes has always been counted a man of unquestioned business integrity, but impulsive as heart and deep in his feelings. It is thought that in a fit of remorse over

NOTES TO FAMILY. The first knowledge that Mr. Barnes

aware of his departure he arranged a visit for her to relatives, and while she was gone, packed up his personal belongings. She took their one child, a girl, with her on the visit.

The story of the acquaintanceship between Mr. Barnes and Mrs. Evans dates back to four years ago. At that time Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Evans came to Kaysville. They were afterwards divorced, owing to objections Mr. Evans made to the attentions paid his wife by Andrew Stewart. There were

Mrs. Evans was a Texas girl, young, vivacious, and fond of society. She dressed in the height of fashion, and was furnished every luxury by her husband, until the breach came over her attentions to young Stewart. When she moved back to the Kaysville

hotel she had lost none of her vivacious manner, and Mr. Barnes met her often in the capacity of business representa-tive and guardian of the children. Gossip began to spread, and friends of Mr. Barnes spoke to him about his relations with Mrs. Evans. He declared most strenuously that his frequent visits were on purely matters of business, and that the gossip of an affection between them was totally unfounded. MR. EVANS' VISIT.

Three weeks ago Mr. Evans came back to Kaysville, and it was thought a reconcliation would be effected. How-ever he took the children away, and said to his personal friends that Mrs. Evans was not a fit person to rear them. Soon afterwards she gave it out that she was going back to Texas, and left on Oct. 10. Evans is said to have had a stormy scene with Barnes before comaway, and this is what is supposed to have caused Mr. Parnes to leave his home. After Mr. Evans left the scandal was renewed more generally than or fore, but it was in a fair way to being forgotten, after the departure of Mrs Evans, when Mr. Barnes himself left, His friends believe that he went un prepared financially to either join the or re-establish himself else

HEIR TO POLISH THRONE BORN IN LOS ANGELES.

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 27.—The Her-ald this morning prints the following: A new head to the throne of Poland A new head to the throne of Poland was born in Los Angeles last night.

A boy who in future years may rule the destinies of that once powerful kingdom, and assist its people in throwing off the yoke placed on them by the countries which now govern it was at their home at 287 Brighton avenue at

1:30 o'clock last night.

The child is a grandson of Col. John Sobieski, descendant of King John the third, and direct heir to the Polish throne. His mother, Mrs. Glihousen, is the only living child of Col. Sobieski, her younger brother having died in

Mr. Gilhousen is the teller at the First National bank in this city and is a well known club man. The young couple were married here five years ago, shortly after Mrs. Gilhousen arrived in Los Angeles from her former home in Salem, Ill. They are both prominent in society.

Col. Sobieski, the grandfather, was born in Warsaw, Poland, Sept. 10, 1842, and is the sixth in direct line, through the oldest son of the great warrior monarch. He was banished from Po-

ANTON BESOLD'S HEARING.

Will Have One on Charge of Having Murdered His Wife.

Los Angeles, Oct. 27,-Anton Besold, the is now in the county jail charged who is now in the county jail charged with the sensational murder of his wife, in Hemescal canyon, last June, will have his preliminary hearing next Monday. Little is known of the evidence the prosecution will offer. It is stated that they will attempt to prove that Besold shot him wife with a small target rife and dragged her body into the dense underbrush of the lonely comtarget rifle and dragged her body into the dense underbrush of the lonely canyon where it was found two months later. The case is one of the most mysterious in the police annals of the city. After the body of the woman had been identified by means of the laundry marks on the clothing, Besold was traced to Washington, D. C., arrested and brought back. The couple formerly lived in Bellingham, Wash.

DIST. ATTY. LANGDON IN POSSESSION OF OFFICE.

San Francisco, Oct. 27.—Dist. Atty, W. H. Langdon and his assistants remain today in possession of the office which constitutes the basis of contention between opposing factions of the administration, and it is probable that there will be no repetition of yesterday's exciting proceedings until next Monday, when the grand jury is to meet for the purpose of selecting a foreman and entering upon its duties. Public excitement has to a great extent subsided, although the greater part of the city's population still manifests a keen interest in the situation and the local press comments upon the developments of the past two days as unprecedented since the days of the early vigilance committees, half a century ago. Abraham Ruef contines to lay claim to the office of district attorney by virtue of due appointment of Acting Mayor Gallagher and in spite of the order of Judge Seawell, but his declarations of last evening are regarded in the light of a truce which will continue until Monday. Ruef asserts that while he is prohibited from acting in the capacity of district-attorney, he is nevertheless in possession of the office. His attitude toward the promised investigation of alleged municipal corruption indicates that he will, if confirmed as district-attorney, take the investigation out of the hands of the grand jury and submit the charges to representatives of the bar association or the attorney-general's office. To such a course Dist-Atty. Laugdon and Asst, Dist-Atty. Hency have already declared themselves unalterably opposed, insisting that the evidence in their possession he laid before the grand jury.

WALKER RESERVATION.

But Little Attention Paid to Rules Regarding the Opening.

garding the Opening.

Thorne. Nev., Oct. 27.—That but little attention is to be paid to the rules in regard to opening the Walker Indian reservation, at least on the southern and eastern boundaries was evidenced this morning when whole pack trains started for the interior of the coveted country. It was impossible for the Indian police to keep efficient watch on the miles and miles of boundary lines and as a result hundreds of daring men bent on securing favorable locations for mines eluded the vigilance of the authorities. Many of these remaining at camps between here and Schurz on the eastern boundary of Walker lake have already prospected territory inside the reservation, having in some instances been weeks and months at the task. They have boats in readiness to cross the lake to the shore on the opposite side from six to 12 miles across, when the legal time for opening the reservation at 12 o'clock next Monday occurs, they will jump into their hoats and endeavor to beat those who will go into the territory afoot or on horseback. Several men in whose every action determination is written have made boast that they know exactly where to locate their claims and that they intend to get their favored spots even if they have to take forcible possession.

SHOSHONE PROJECT.

Bids Advertised for Furnishing Four High Pressure Gates.

(Special to the "News.")

Washington, D. C., Oct. 27.—The secretary of the Interior is advertising for proposals for furnishing high pressure gates for the storage of water for the Shoshone and North Platte irrigation projects, Wyoming.

The work consists of furnishing and intelligence of the storage of the storage

installing complete, in excavations fur-nished by the United States, at the Shonished by the United States, at the Sho-should dam near Cody and the Path-finder dam near Casper, seven gates of the sluicing type, arranged at the Shoshone dam in a group of three and at the Pathfinder dam in a group of four. Bids will be opened Dec. 20, at 876, Federal Building, Chicago. Par-ticulars are obtainable at the office of the chief engineer of the reclamation service, Washington, or from H. H. Savage, supervising engineer, Huntley, Mont.

JANUARY AND MAY TRAGEDY

FIFTY-SIXTH YEAR

Louis G. Hampton Shoots and Kills Victoria C. Taczkow, a Beautiful Young Woman.

HE SIXTY AND A MARRIED MAN.

When He Had Taken Her Life Took Pistol and Ended His Own.

They Went to a Hotel and Registered As Husband and Wife-Case is a Mysterious One.

New York, Oct. 27 .- Louis G. Hampton, assistant secretary of the United States Trust company of this city, shot and killed Victoria C. Taczkow, a beautiful young woman, in the Hotel Griffou and in West Ninth street late last night, and then committed suicide. Hampton was infatuated with the wonan and they had been together many times during the past month. They had been at the hotel where the tragedy occurred since early yesterday. Whether or not the tragedy was the result of a pact between the man and the woman to die together, has not been determined, but the circumstances eem to show that the young woman Hampton, who was about 60 years old, leaves a wife and two children. Miss Taczkow was 29 years of age, and lived with her father and invalid mother. She was employed in a Fifth avenue department store. The United States Trust company, of which L. G. Hamp-ton was assistant secretary, is one of the largest and strongest trust com-panies in New York. Secy. Lyman J. Gage was its president until recently, and on his retirement Edward W. Shel-don was elected president, and Mr. Hampton for some time acted as secretary

BEGINNING OF THE END. The events leading up to the trage-dy have been traced by the police and according to them the last chapter in which looks to be an illicit romance, began on Thursday afternoon last, when Hampton called at the Hotel Griffou and engaged a room. He said he would return late that night or the

next morning.
"I expect to have my wife with me,"
he said, as he was about to leave, and
then half hesitating, he said:
"Would you like me to register

now?"

The maid replied that it would be time enough to do this when he arrived at the hotel to take the room. Hampton then left and nothing more was seen of him until Friday morning, when about 9 o'clock he entered the hotel, accompanied by a woman, and going straight up to the hotel office he registered as "Mr. and Mrs. SinClair, Burlington, Vermout."

The woman who accompanied him was an unusually handsome brunette.

was an unusually handsome brunette. She was fashionably dressed and carried in her hand a small traveling bag. The couple took breakfast and then went to their room. The woman left the hotel several times during the day but Hampton remained in his room. the hotel several times during the day but Hampton remained in his room. Soon after she returned from one of these excursions early in the evening a light dinner was sent to their room, and a request was sent to the clerk to call them at 11 o'clock last night. "We want to be called at 11 o'clock, so that we may catch a train," said

Hampton THE FATAL SHOT.

From that time until half past 10 nothing was heard or seen of the couple, but at that hour a maid was in the corridor outside the room which they occupied when she heard what she averlaged in the street. thought was an explosion in the street She took no particular notice of it at the time.

At seven minutes to 11 she went to the room to call the couple, but when her repeated raps at the door brought no response she notified the hotel office. The room was opened with a pass key and the mystery was explained. THE VICTIMS.

THE VICTIMS.

On the floor at the far end of the room between a large mirror and a dresser, lay the man stretched out on his back, in his right hand was clutched a revolver, while his hat was held tightly in the left hand. A shot fired into his mouth had entered his brain, killing him instantly. Directly in front was the bed and upon it was the woman, also dead. Her feet were on the floor, while her head was resting on the bedclothes, with her arm shielding her face.

In her arm were three bullet wounds, none of which appeared very much more than flesh wounds, but right under the left arm pit was a fourth wound.

more than flesh wounds, but right under the left arm pit was a fourth wound. The bullet had been fired evidently after the woman had sunk back on to the bed, when she had been shot in the arm for it entered her body in a downward direction, and must have gone through

IDENTITY ESTABLISHED. IDENTITY ESTABLISHED.

Word of the tragedy was sent to the coroner's office and as a result of that official's investigation the identity of the victims was established. In addition to a valuable watch and other jewelry found in Hampton's pockets, there were papers which directed inquiry to the apartment house on West Twenty-third street, where he had lived with his wife.

At the United States Trust company it was said today that Hampton was at the office of the company on Thursday attending to his duties. On Friday he telephoned that he was indisposed but would be at the office today. An officer

telephoned that he was indisposed but would be at the office today. An officer of the company said that Mr. Hampton's duties were secretarial only and that he had nothing to do with the company's finances. It is believed, the officer said, that his books were correctly er said, that his books were correctly

Mr. Hampton had been employed by the trust company for 35 years and was a protege of former President John A. Stewart, now chairman of the board of directors. He was regarded by the officers of the company as an able and efficient man and with good habits.

PROTHER IDENTIFIES SISTER. The first positive identification of the victims of the tragedy was made by the dead woman's brother. He had been notified that a young woman wearing jewelry bearing his sister's initials had been murdered and went to a police station to look at ter's initials had been murdered and went to a police station to look at the articles which had been taken there. He at once recognized a pair of stik garters with gold buckles as the property of his sister. One of the buckles bore the letters V. I. T. while on the other was inscribed L. G. H. Young Taczkow also told the police that the man probably was L. G. Hampton who had been very attentive to his sister for some time.

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must be forwarded containing the real name of the author.

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